

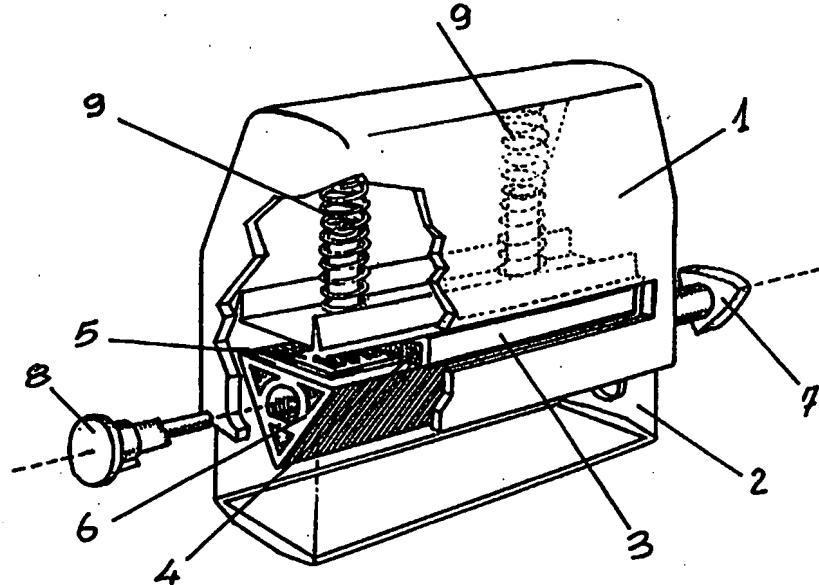
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## (54) Title: SELF-INKING STAMP WITH A PLURALITY OF STAMPING SURFACES



## (57) Abstract

The multiple self-inking stamp holder comprises a handle (1) that houses the body (2) able to slide telescopically with manual pressure, on which the extractable pad holder (3) and the pad (4) are located. The stamp (5) is glued to the stamp holder (6) with triangular cross section containing in this case three stamps, one on each side, that is blocked in place by multi-functional pins (7 and 8) used to hold the various components together. The springs (9) are used to bring all moving parts to the original position after each stamp, as well as to guarantee the correct pressure between the stamp and the pad for uniform inking.

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Description**SELF-INKING STAMP WITH A PLURALITY OF STAMPING SURFACES**

This industrial invention relates to a multiple self-inking stamp holder designed to house several stamps that can be selected as necessary by means of a selector.

As known, from ancient times stamps either with writings or marks 5 were built or mounted on a handle with different shapes and a separate ink-pad. In the last decades self-inking stamps, that is stamps with automatic inking operation, have been developed. Although portable, these stamps may prove unpractical when carried around in a considerable number.

The purpose of the present invention is to make an easy-to-use 10 compact stamp holder designed to house several stamps featuring the automatic inking operation thanks to a selector used to select the desired stamp.

According to the present invention, the multiple self-inking stamp holder is able to reach this and many other purposes.

15 The characteristics and advantages of the invention will become evident from the description of a preferred embodiment - not exclusive - that is illustrated only with an explanatory, not restrictive purpose. The drawing shows a perspective view with partial cross-section as in figure 1.

20 The multiple self-inking stamp holder comprises a handle (1) that houses the body (2) able to slide telescopically with manual pressure, on which the extractable pad holder (3) and the pad (4) are located. The stamp (5) is glued to the stamp holder (6) with triangular cross-section containing in this case three stamps – one on each side – that is blocked in place by multi-functional pins (7) and (8) used to hold the various components together.

25 The springs (9) are used to bring all moving parts to the original position after each stamp, as well as to guarantee the correct pressure between the stamp and the pad for uniform inking.

Figure 2 shows the turning mechanism of the stamp holder (6) with

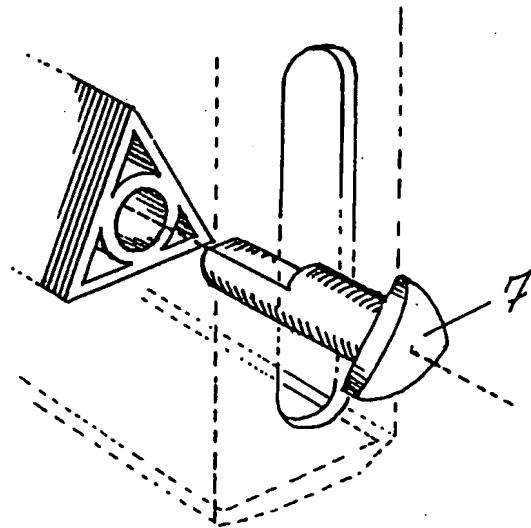
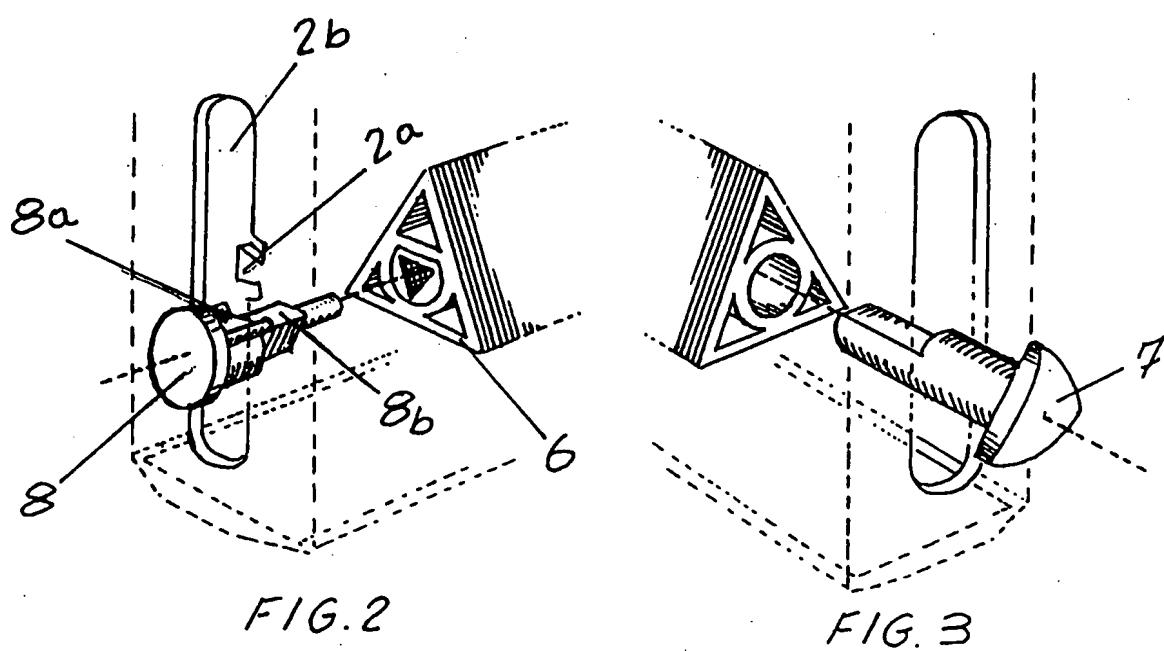
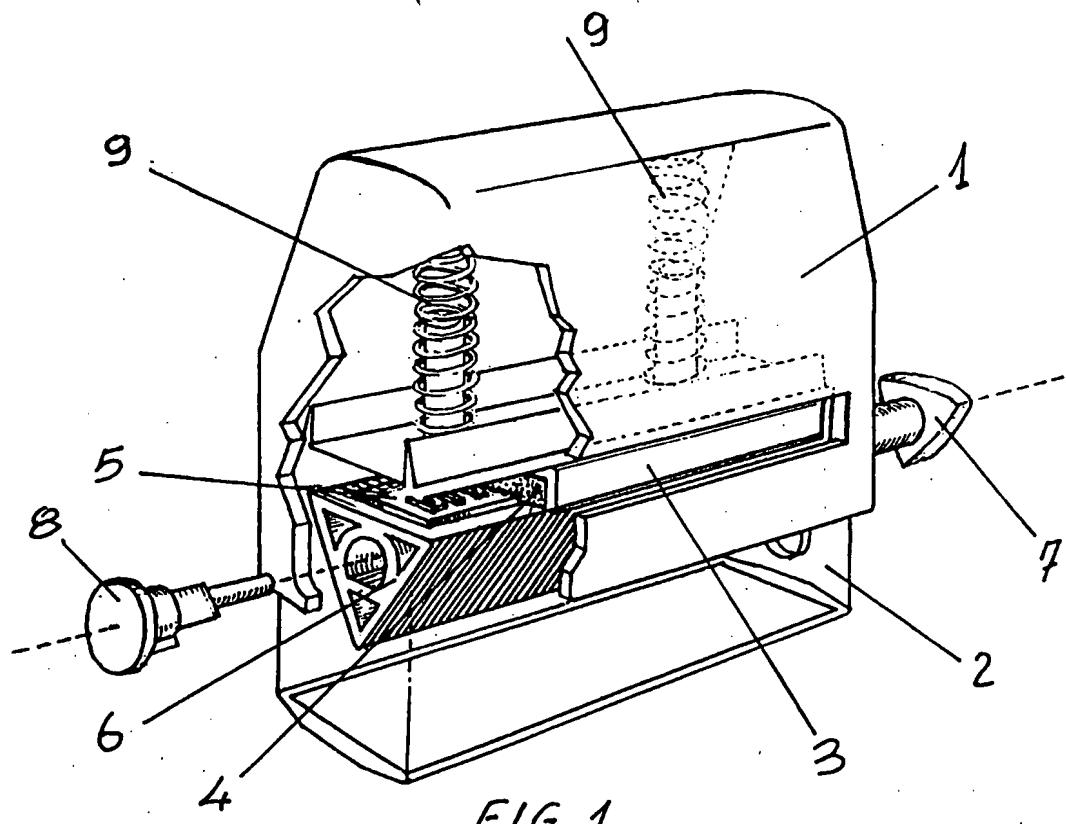
the particular shape (8a) that is manually pushed to match with part (2a) to cause the rotation and displacement of the shape in the two directions along the axis of the groove (2b).

Figure 3 shows the pin (7) that also acts as selector. It can be partially extracted manually along its axis to clear the triangular part of the pin (8b) and allow it to rotate freely to select the desired stamp. It can be put back in place so that when it is in the upper position the stamp gets the ink and when it moves along the groove (2b) the stamp rotates by 180° and stamps.

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Claims

- 1) Multiple self-inking stamp holder comprising:
  - a handle (1) that houses the body (2) able to slide telescopically which contains the extractable pad holder (3) and the pad (4);
  - a stamp holder (6)
  - 5 - return springs (9) located between the handle (1) and the body (2)
  - means used to turn the stamp holder (6) by 180° during the stroke of the handle (1) outside the body (2), characterized in that the stamp holder (6) is shaped like a right prism with three or more lateral sides, with a different stamp (5) applied on each lateral
  - 10 side, while on the two opposed bases of the stamp holder (6) a first pin (7) and a second pin (8) are applied to hold the various components together, with the first pin used to select one of the stamps (5) and the second pin to create the turning movement of the stamp holder (6).
- 2) Multiple self-inking stamp holder as per claim (1), characterized in that the
- 15 second pin (8) slides inside a groove (2b) of the body (2) and features a first section (8a) with a special shape that is matched to the detail (2a) of the above mentioned slot (2b) to make the stamp holder rotate by 180° in the two directions.
- 3) Multiple self-inking stamp holder as per claim (1), characterized in that the
- 20 first pin (7) features a second section (8b) with polygonal cross-section with a number of sides equal to the stamp holder (6) that is inserted – with the possibility of being removed – into a hole drilled on the stamp holder (6).
- 4) Multiple self-inking stamp holder as per claim (1), characterized in that the
- 25 first pin (7) slides inside a groove of the body (2), identical and opposed to the above mentioned groove (2b) and can be manually extracted along its axis, together with the stamp holder (6) until the second section (8) of the pin (8) is displaced from its housing.



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